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Sir:

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The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/275,766, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to this application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the above-identified application.

Documents A-W and Y were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. 09/275,766, filed March 25, 1999, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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